

Grace's Mountain View

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GOD'S BLESSINGS!

Confirmation was celebrated on April 25th.
Hunter K.---Son of Annette Korth
Pastor Ann Newgard-Larson
Marin Westrum---Daughter of Blair & Kelly Westrum
Ethan Carrier---Son of Matt & Kelli Carrier



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 2021 graduates were honored on April 25th. Each received a blanket made by the Grace Quilters.
Ashtyn Carrier---Daughter of Matt & Kelli Carrier
Evan Westrum---Daughter of Blair & Kelly Westrum



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My first reaction to the three guilty verdicts in the trial of Derek Chauvin was to feel relief. But that is only a start. There is a long way to go from accountability to justice. Truth is the first step, then accountability and then finally justice. That will demand a systemic change and systems are resistant.

Each one of us has a part in upholding or dismantling systems. Think of all the moving parts and the myriad possibilities of how things can change depending upon the people involved. Laws can be written, declarations can be made, mandates can be created, but unless people choose to act justly, to treat others with dignity and respect and as equally valued, justice can be thwarted.

We cannot change the past; we cannot change facts and we cannot change other people. Three difficult truths, but we each can change how we respond to situations or other people. Our response will shift the system, even if it is a small shift, it is a start.

Think of the times you have bitten your tongue when you wish you had spoken up on behalf of another person. Think of the times you have fudged the truth or said something unkind when silence would have been the better option. Think of the times you have held a grudge, withheld forgiveness, gossiped about someone or kept secrets that would have been better revealed. What difference would that small action have made in the greater scheme of things?

When we are faithful in little, we are faithful in much. Being human, though, of course means that we fail at acting as God directs us.... we are still beloved by God, still forgiven by God, still redeemed by God and that is what makes it possible to acknowledge our failures both known and unknown, things that we have done and things we have failed to do. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1John 1:8

That promise makes starting over, trying again and being gracious to ourselves and others possible. We can hope for better because the Holy Spirit is at work within each of us and within our community.

Last Sunday was Good Shepherd Sunday, which was a great day to celebrate graduation and confirmation. As I prepared for preaching during the week, I often listened to a piece of music which brings a smile to my face and tears to my eyes..." Psalm 23, the Vicar of Dibley version". You can find it on the internet.

Blessings this Easter Season,

Pastor Ann

CHURCH MEETINGS



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 P.M.



† **Worship**---It was decided to allow coffee/fellowship beginning May 2nd following the worship service. CDC guidelines will be followed.

† **Old Business**---Meat-loaf Drive-Thru Dinner will be held on Friday, April 30th. Plans are progressing nicely. An article on the event was printed in the D.L. newspaper.

† **New Business**---Discussion was held about a Spring Rummage Sale. Was tabled until May meeting. Spring clean-up will be held on May 16th. Sign up sheet will be available on bulletin board near the office. Communion will again be served the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month. Church picture directory was tabled until May.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Next Council meeting is May 18th at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Glennis Olson
Secretary Pro-temp

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—March 16, 2020

† Meeting was called to order by President Michele Peterson.

† Welcome to the new Council Members: Gerry & Lillian Nybo, Dave Stowman, and Glennis Olson. Returning council members are Michelle Peterson, Blace Schmidt, Traci Mace, Jim Brogren Jr.,

† Thank you for their service was expressed to outgoing council members: Dan & Machelke Krengel and Becky Esser.

† Devotions were given by Glennis Olson.

† Secretary minutes were approved as read.

† Pastor Ann gave her report.

† A presentation on a proposed new double convection oven for the kitchen was given by Jim Brogren and Ranae Sexton. Ranae has offered to donate a portion of costs as a memorial in memory of Roger Sexton. Council approved to move ahead with the project.

† Election of officers was held:

- President---Lillian Nybo
- Vice-President---Michelle Peterson
- Secretary---Dave Stowman
- Treasurer---Glennis Olson

† **Finance report** approved as printed.

March Total Income	\$6,789.86
March Total Expenses	\$13,930.91
Checkbook Balance 3/31/2021	\$-273.14
Rainy Day Fund	\$30,678.76
Savings Account Balance	\$10,690.37
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,024.16
Mission Investment Savings	\$1,157.62
Mortgage Balance	\$161,252.85

* Mission Investment Funds will be transferred to Bell Savings to be designated for Windows. Mortgage has been refinanced. Mortgage payment dropped from \$1,577 to \$1,412.35. May payment will be applied towards the principal.

† **Property**---Driveway and the potholes will be fixed. Gas line will be dug down.

† **Education**---Sunday School attendance has been very low. Christian Education meeting will be held on April 25th. Confirmation Sunday and Honoring of graduates will be held on April 25th. Cupcakes will be served following the worship service.

† **Stewardship**---May's monthly donation will be given to Lutheran World Relief. April's donation will be given to NWMN Companion Synod in India.

† **Outreach**---Discussion was held concerning livestreaming the worship service. This will be suspended on May 2nd. Lillian will check with webmaster to see what else could be done.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
May 2, 2021	Psalm 22:25-31	Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
May 9, 2021 MOTHER'S DAY	Psalm 98	Acts 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 16, 2021	Psalm 1	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 23, 2021 PENTECOST	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 30, 2021 HOLY TRINITY	Psalm 29	Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17



PRAYERS ARE NEEDED:

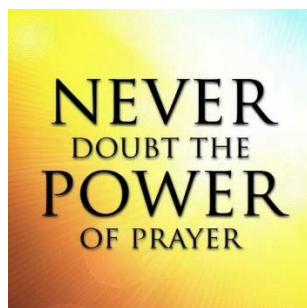
Jim Brogren Sr., Lue Rawson & her 3 daughters, Terry Bowers, Julie Herman, Edward Rodgers (Gale L. father), Alice Vangerud, Francine Lunde, Sheila Nybo, Andrea Absey (Pastor Ann's cousin), Melinda Anderson (Bertha's daughter-in-law), Sonja Harchanko,

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

Don't forget our members in Nursing Homes and Care Facilities.

Frazee Assisted Living

***Wilma Leitheiser** (219 West Maple Ave. #20, Frazee, MN 56544)*



MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1
Katie Blaney

May 2
Gerry Anderson

May 4
Ruby Kiihn

May10
Mary Ann Brogren

May 11
Kennedy Nduka
Tom Lormis
Elvie Zitzow

May 12
Ava Esser
Heather Peterson

May 16
Linda Leitheiser

May 21
Devin Ladwig

May 22
Bev Berg

May 23
Annette Korth
Lake Olson

May 24
Clarice Zick

May 26
Bill Hill

May 30
Mason Carrier
Noah Olds
Susan Rasmussen

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

NO anniversaries this month

**God Bless You
On your
Anniversary**

IT'S A GRACE THING!

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, PLEASE let us know so that we can add your birthdays and/or anniversaries into our computer. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * Last day of Sunday School is May 2nd.
- * Have a GREAT Summer!
- * Our 2 high school graduates were honored on April 25, 2021---Ashtyn Carrier and Evan Westrum. They each received a quilt.

CONFIRMATION

- * The Rite of Confirmation was held on April 25, 2021. The 3 confirmands were Ethan Carrier, Hunter Korth, and Maren Westrum. Congratulations!



To Jim Brogren Jr. who has been streaming our worship services to our Facebook page. We thank him for his faithful diligence in being here every Sunday to bring the services to you online.

To Jim Brogren Jr. and Ranae Sexton who have been working on getting estimates for a new kitchen stove. The stove has been ordered. Thanks to Ranae for a generous contribution towards the stove. Thanks also to the other members who have also contributed towards the stove. If you are interested in contributing towards the stove and installation costs, please indicate that on your offering elements.

To Jerry Schwoboda, Blace Schmidt, and Jerry Nybo---who worked on checking out the stove in the kitchen to see if it is worth fixing.


To Steve and Gerry Nybo---They have been working on our parking lot and driveways to eliminate the water seepage into the church and the potholes. Great work!

To Lois Flatau who decorates our outdoor flower pots. Thanks also for watering the plants inside the church.



Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Grace Lutheran Church 213 Roosevelt Ave 218-847-4568 Detroit Lakes, MN gracelutheran@arvig.net</p>	<p>Pastor Ann Newgard-Larson 218-844-8270---home</p>					<p>1 10:30 a.m. Annette Pawlak's Funeral @ Event 34</p>
<p>2 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with Holy Communion and installation of church council members</p> <p>LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m. Sunday School -- 10:15 a.m.---Coffee/Fellowship</p>						
<p>9 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with noisy offering 10:15 a.m.---Coffee/Fellowship</p>	<p>10 AA Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>11 AA Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 OFFICE CLOSED AA Meeting 10:00 a.m. Glennis on vacation</p>	<p>15 Glennis on vacation</p>
<p>16 CLEAN-UP DAY 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.---Coffee/Fellowship Glennis on vacation</p>	<p>17 Office will be open at 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>18 AA Meeting 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 ADK Meeting 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>21 AA Meeting 10:00 a.m. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Synod Assembly Practice Glennis on vacation</p>	<p>22 Synod Assembly (Virtual) 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>23 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with noisy offering 10:15 a.m.---Coffee/Fellowship</p>	<p>24 AA Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>25 AA Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 AA Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service 10:15 a.m.---Coffee/Fellowship</p>	<p>31 MEMORIAL DAY Office closed</p> 	<p>Office Manager Glennis Olson 218-844-6132 ---home 218-234-5547 ---cell</p>	<p>Custodian Lynn Ohman 218-844-2780---home 218-234-7011 ---cell</p>	<p>Organist Audrey Savig 218-439-6534</p>		

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God's work. Our hands.

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Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School Sept. - May 10:00 A.M.

Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round

Office Hours 9:00 A.M. until Noon M – F

*"Come and join us in growing into
God's amazing Grace."*

EXPERIENCE GRACE AT GRACE

Grace Lutheran Church...a place to belong

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Vision Statement---Grace Lutheran Church seeks to be a serving and witnessing people of God, united to share the Gospel with all. Through the Holy Spirit, we respond by reaching out with concern and support to the varied needs of a

Address Service Requested



Sunday, May 16th following the worship service.

Come prepared to clean the church grounds, windows, pews, kitchens, and other areas of the church.

Enjoy the nice weather while helping out the church.

The more people that help, the work won't take as long! Help to make our church shine!

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M....

COME JOIN US...YOU ARE INVITED

